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MR. ROOSEVELT SPEAKS TO THE FIRE-MEN AND THE NATIONAL GUARD.

STATE FIREMEN'S CONVENTION OPENS ITS SESSIONS-MANAGER BROWN OF THE HUDSON HOME EXONERATED.

The annual convention of the New-York State Firemen's Association was opened in Yonkers about 10 o'clock yesterday. The city was elaborately decorated with flags and bunting, and the citizens made it a holiday. In Getty Square a large triumphal arch was erected, and at night it was bright with red, white and blue electric lights. Many of the public buildings were beautiful; particularly so was the historic Manor Hall. The opening exercises were held in the Opera House, but the feature of the day was the arrival of Governor Roosevelt on the 3.31 o'clock train in the afternoon. When the was packed with people eager to get a glimpse of the Governor. The Reception Committee was Regiment of the National Guard, and arrived about five minutes before the train. The committee was made up of John Mulligan, ex-State Senator Joseph I. Burns, Mayor Leslie Sutherland, A. B. Waring, R. L. Condon, H. B. Archer, Edward Underhill, John C. Shotts, E. V. Skinner, F. Donoghue and A. B. Barr. Mayor Fiske of Mount Vernon was also present.

#### A TARGET FOR MANY CAMERAS.

The Governor was escorted to a carriage, in which he rode with Mayor Sutherland, ex-Senator Burns and John Mulligan. The procession went down Buena Vista-ave., to Hudson-st., to South Broadway, through the arch erected in Getty Square, and thence to Warburton-ave., where a stand had been erected for the speakers and band, and decorated with flags and bunting. Cameras were aimed at the Governor, and was as quiet under the ordeal as he well could be. Chairman Mulligan of the Reception Committee, on behalf of the firemen and citizens of Yonkers, tendered a hearty welcome to the Governor and introduced Mayor Sutherland, who said:

"To me is given the honor of introducing to you, fellow citizens, the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Governor of the State of New-York. He needs no formal introduction, for history has and will record his deeds forever."

Covernor Roosevelt then said:

Mr. Mayor and Fellow Citizens: I am gratified to cave offered me the honor of being with you to-ay for I am informed I am summoned to help you seelve your guests, the volunteer firemen and shat I have to say is largely to be to them. How that I have to say is largely to be to them. How that I am also to have met this Leake and Watts rightan Asylum Band on the platform here! What good thing it is to have an institution like that turn out decent and honorable citizens to shape he affairs of the country in the future as good titzens?

am glad to be met by the clergy, laity and men all shades of politics and civic organizations. I n glad to see before me some of the old volun-er hats of the firemen, whose work it is in time of ice to do that which the solder had to do in ne of war. They have the courage and bravery meet danger at all times. I thank you for the urtesy extended to me on my visit to your city.

About 4 o'clock the Governor, with the committee, entered Music Hall, where the convention was in session. Business was stopped, and all present rose to their feet and gave the Governor a rousing reception, and cheer upon cheer. Some one called out: "He's all right!" An-

other: "Who's all right?" and the reply came in a mighty voice-"Rooseveit!" GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT'S ADDRESS.

Mayor Leslie Sutherland then introduced the Governor, who said:

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am very glad that I broke my agreement not to be here and see you and that as a result I am here with you this afternoon. I felt drawn in a very peculiar manner to your organization, because I have been a volunteer myself. (Cheers.) I have watched from close range the war which you wage on your enemy, and know what it is to be a fireman and the nerve and courage and physical endurance which are necessary to do the work you have to are necessary to do the work you have to

perform.

When we are about to feel melancholy and have not enough strife in ordinary affairs. I think how it does us good to consider three or four professions in which men during time of peace lead a life quite as dangerous and as sure to evoke the same nerve and courage, as is required of the soldier in time of war. Among such I find that the fishermen on the banks of Newfoundland and a first-class railroad man are such as have these qualities meeted in a good soldier, and in like manner the qualities needed in a volunteer fireman (Cheers.)

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If you had come and enlisted in the ranks of the soldier, it would be equal to any task required in your calling, for they are both about identical. They both have to face danger and require the same qualities to meet the enemy. Yours is a notile service. The quality of disinterestedness added to the quality of courage make the noblest type of citizen, and you set a good example to your fellow men. It is not only that you save property, and at times life in the saving of property, but by the fact that every man of you holds up to every one in so doing a high type of citizenship by rendering disinterested service to the public. The lesson desired, to take and run risks, with no reward in prospect except the sense of duty done, is a noble one for us all to learn and act upon.

The highest service that can be done is one for which there is no adequate material compensation. We have the man who wears the button of the Grand Army of the Republic with us on all sides, and he revives the memories of the days of thirty-five years ago which tried men's souls. Now, in time of peace, no lesson can be taught better than that which you do and which we should have to learn.

I thank you, gentlemen, for the kind and urgent.

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I thank you, gentlemen, for the kind and urzent
invitation which you gave me to visit you, and extend to you the right band of fellowship. I wish
you long life and prosperity and all success in the
future, and hope your fellow citizens at home
will show you their sense of due appreciation.

(Const. Appreciation.

The speech did not occupy more than ten minutes, and the Governor left the platform after the presentation of a handsome bouquet, which was on the stand. As he left the stage door he stood still to oblige a young woman who wished to take a snapshot at him. As he was driven to the railroad station throngs of people lined the streets, and they applauded as the Governor passed by. When he dismounted from the carriage he made another speech, this time addressing Company A, of Yonkers, briefly. He and eleven deaths from the disease. then boarded the 4:30 train for New-York, after & stay of exactly an hour in the city.

an address by Mayor Sutherland, ex-State Senator Francis P. Treanor, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, and singing by the school children. Thomas O'Connor, the president, responded. There were about five hundred Portugal has been interdicted on account of the delegates present from all parts of the State. In the afternoon there was a sensation in the hall over the report of the committee ap- chandise or mails from Portugal will be admitpointed to investigate into the alleged abuses at the Hudson Home for Aged and Infirm Firemen. It was believed that the report would find Manager Brown guilty of cruelty, but it ex-

FAILURE OF COMMISSION PREDICTED.

GERMAN PAPER EXPECTS SAMOAN NEGOTIATIONS

Berlin, Aug. 15.—The "National Zeitung," com-menting upon the report of the Samoan Commisslon, doubts that a satisfactory settlement of the Samoan question will be arrived at by the three Powers while the tripartite condominium lasts. It considers that the best solution would lie in a transfer of the group to Germany. If this he impossible, then Germany should elect the Governor, thereby securing two votes, while the English and American interests should not be vote from them being necessary to form a ma-

London, Aug 15.—The Companionship of the Or-der of St. Michael and St. George has been con-

GOVERNOR VISITS YONKERS RUSSIA AND CHINA AGREE. HISTORIC CHURCH BURNS. CHAOS AT SARATOGA.

GAIN OF TWO HARBORS.

USE OF TALIEN-WAN AND PORT ARTHUR MAKE POSSIBLE AN OUTLET FOR SIBERIAN ROAD-FORMER MADE

A FREE PORT. St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.-Emperor Nicholas has issued the following imperial order to the Russian Minister of Finance, M. de Witte:

"Owing to the great possessions of Russia in Europe and Asia it has been possible, with the help of God, to effect an understanding between flames came out in volume. Conley ran to the the peoples of the West and the East. Through friendly attitude of China we have succeeded in attaining our historic aim, having obtained the use of two Chinese harbors, Talien-Wan and Port Arthur, with a large territory whereby an outlet for the Siberian Railway to

Thanks to the wisdom of the Chinese Govern ment, we shall, through railways in course of construction, be united to China, a result which orted to the station by Company A. 1st gives to all nations the immeasurable gain of him of their approach. easy communication, and lightens the opera-

> "In our unwearying care for the general weal the railway, to declare Talien-Wan a free port during the whole period of the treaty for the merchant ships of all nations, and to build a new city in the neighborhood of the said port."

### SEIZURE OF LAND BY FRANCE.

Hong Kong, Aug. 15 .- A newspaper published in Macao, the Portuguese seaport at the southwest entrance of the Canton River, reports that France has occupied the island of San-Chau, west of Macao, as an assertion of her right to the Province of Kwang-Tung in the event of the partition of China.

INSURGENT FORCES BEATEN.

DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT TROOPS ROUT REBELS.

ENGAGEMENT CONSIDERED DECISIVE -HEUREAUX'S ASSASSINS STILL FREE-

DAMAGE BY THE HURRICANE. Puerto Plata, Aug. 15.-The Government forces commanded by General Escoboza have defeated the insurgents. The rout was almost a massacre. The wounded on both sides are numerous. The engagement is considered by the Government as

The Government's plan for the gradual withdrawal of paper money from circulation has established confidence. Short term bills of exchange on Europe sell for 300 per cent silver. The Dominicans almost withe for the use of American money almost without exception are

decisively ending the Jiminez uprising.

San Domingo, Aug. 15 .- According to Government officials, tranquillity reigns throughout the country. The assassins of President Heureaux are still at large, but measures have been taken for their capture. It is said that the band numbers sixteen. Although the rate for drafts is falling, and

there are some signs of returning confidence. business continues dull, and imports are limited The financial situation is bad. The problem of taking up the paper currency has not yet been solved, as the people in general do not wish it taken up. This is the real cause of dulness in business. Once the matter has been arranged, affairs should take on a different aspect.

The latest news from Macoris regarding the effects of the hurricane shows that the damage was more serious than was at first supposed. The river overflowed its banks and inundated es for the time, and boats were

about Samana and Puerto Piata.

The United States cruiser New-Orleans has left San Domingo Harbor for Porto Rico. The United States gunboat Machias is still here.

## WATCH ON CUBAN FILIBUSTERS.

of Santiago de Cuba, has seized 143 carbines and 18,000 rounds of ammunition that were evidently intended for San Domingo. Twentyfive men, Cubans and Dominicans, arrived there last Friday on board the Mortera. They have been kept under close watch, as they are apparently planning to take arms to San Domingo. The quantity already seized is not be-

lieved to be all that is secreted there. Major General Brooke is making every effort to check filibustering. There is no truth in the report, recently circulated in the United States, that 400 men left the island not long ago for San Domingo in one expedition. As a matter of fact, almost every man who has gone is known. The entire number, excluding the twenthirty-seven. Not one carried more than his

All the collectors had been duly notified to from Havana to keep a close watch upon the twenty-five men who left this port on the Mortera. Consequently, when the landing was Mortera. Consequently, when the immune made at Baracoa, it was no surprise to head-quarters here. No attempt will be made to prevent them from leaving Baracoa if they do not try to carry arms with them.

THE PLAGUE IN PORTUGAL.

TWENTY-SIX CASES AND ELEVEN DEATHS REPORTED-SPAIN DECLARES QUARANTINE.

Oporto, Aug. 15.-Since the outbreak of the plague here there have been twenty-six cases Madrid, Aug. 15,-The "Gazette" to-morrow

will announce the quarantine on everything ar-The convention was opened in the morning with | riving from Portugal. Sanitary posts have been established on the frontier for the inspection of

Ponta Delgada, Azores Islands, Aug. 15.-All communication between the Azores Islands and seeming cases of bubonic plague which have been discovered at Oporto. No vessels, merted at any port of these islands.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S VIEWS.

URGES EITHER ARBITRATION OR CONSTRUCTION

London, Aug. 15.-Sir Charles Tupper, leader of the Opposition in the Canadian House of Commons, who arrived at Liverpool yesterday on board the steamer Parisian, when asked regarding the Alaskan affair, strongly urged two alternatives, either that the United States should submit the controversy to arbitration or that Canada should construct a railway to Dawson City, thus opening up a purely Canadian line of communication with the gold fields.

There was little doubt, he contended, that the United States would recognize the force of the latter alternative and would accept arbitration. Otherwise, he would favor closing the gold fields against citizens of the United States.

NEARLY SIXTY LIVES LOST. Calcutta, Aug. 15.—The Resolute, widch was sunk

HONOR CONFERRED ON MR. MAXSE.

London, Aug 15.—The Companionship of the Order of St. Michael and St. George has been conferred upon E. B. S. Maxse, the British Consul at Samos.

EMPEROR'S PROCLAMATION ANNOUNCES ST. PETER'S IN WESTCHESTER DE- DEMOCRATIC PIAZZA CONFERENCES STROYED AT AN EARLY HOUR TO-DAY

> St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Westchester, of which the Rev. Dr. F. M. Clendenin is rector, was practically destroyed by a fire which broke out at 1:10 o'clock this morning. How the fire started is unknown. Policemen Nicholas Turner and Charles Conley were passing the place when they noticed an unusual illumination within the

building windows fell with a crash, and smoke and John F. Carroll are used to these rebuffs, and nearest alarm box and tried to turn in a call for the engines, but found the apparatus out of order. Conley then ran to a citizen's house, and with great difficulty succeeded in arousing the inmates and telephoning for the engines.

In the mean time Policeman Turner had aroused the people in the Hotel Hepfer, across street, and Proprietor Hepfer gave him a bicycle to go for the engines. He was on his way, when the clanging of the gongs informed By this time the fire had gained great head-

Policeman Conley and some citizens secured axes and tried to batter in the doors to we have deemed it necessary, after completing save some of the valuable church records, but the heavy oak panels withstood their work for many minutes. Isaac Butler, the aged Sexton of the church,

who for many years has had charge of the place, was finally found wandering around in a dazed condition, and he was induced to get his keys and let the firemen and policemen into the building. There were some heroic efforts to save the books and such other things as could be taken out, but only a small part were rescued.

At 2:15 o'clock the entire structure and some of the outbuildings were ablaze, and the firemen said the church would be entirely destroyed. They placed the loss at \$200,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Dr. Clendenin and his family are at Chappaqua on their annual out-

St. Peter's Church has been the house of worship of the most aristocratic citizens of Westchester, and the parish is very old. Its rector, Dr. Clendenin, is a leader in the High Church party of the Episcopal denomination. He came prominently into public notice recently through his opposition to the ordination of Dr. Charles Briggs. Bishop Potter announced that he would ordain Dr. Briggs at a certain time in St. Peter's Church. Dr. Clendenin wrote, refusing positively to permit the ceremony to take place in his church, and he was sustained by his parishioners almost unanimously.

GEN. WALKER IN COMMAND.

SUPERSEDES BUTLER AS CHIEF OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES.

MOVE SUPPOSED TO INDICATE GRAVITY OF SITUATION-SKETCH OF THE ENG-LISH COMMANDER.

London, Aug. 15.-Major-General Sir William Francis Butier, who, it was announced yesterday in a dispatch from Capetown, would be relieved as commander of the British troops in South Africa, as a result of his alleged Boer sympathies, has been recalled, and Sir Frederick Walker has been appointed in his place. On Thursday next General Walker will come

to London to receive final instructions. General Walker is regarded as one of the ablest generals in the army. His appointment, therefore, is taken to indicate that the situation

Lieutenant General Sir Frederick William Edward since 1895. He is the eldest son of the late General Sir Edward W. Forestier-Walker, K. C. B., was Sir Edward W Forester Washer.

Born in 1844, and entered the Scots Guards in 186
He served in the Kuffir War of 1877-78, was Mil
tary Secretary to Sir Bartle Frere from 1878 to 187
served in the Zuliu War, was quartermaster Ger
eral in Bechuanaland in 1884, commanded the in
fantry brigade at Aldershot from 1884 to 1886, an
commanded the troops in Egypt from 1889 to 1896.

OBJECTS TO BUTLER'S DISMISSAL London, Aug. 16 .- "The Daily Chronicle." which regards General Butler's virtual dismissal as "an indication that the country is being hurred into war," says: "His offence was that he spoke rough words of truth about that precious organization, the South African League. We are convinced that he acted for the honor and clear interests of the Empire."

FEAR OF WAR PREVALENT.

Cape Town, Aug. 15.-No reply has been received here up to the present from the Transvaal Government on the subject of the latest British proposals for a peaceable settlement of the questions in dispute, and a dispatch from Pretoria says the reply sent will be disappoint. ing, and that it is feared the result will be the breaking off of negotiations. Great anxiety prevails at the capital of the Transvaal.

MAKING A CHANGE IN ARMS.

Pretoria, Aug. 15.—The Executive Council conwere issued to the field cornets to give out Mauser rifles in exchange for Martini-Henry rifles. A great crowd gathered to receive the

GOVERNMENT MAKES NO ANSWER.

Pretoria, Aug. 15.-The reply of the Government of the South African Republic to the proposal of the British Secretary of State for the Colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, to refer to a oint commission of inquiry the effect of the franchise reforms upon the status of the Outlanders has not yet been sent to Sir Alfred Milner, British High Commissioner in South Africa.

ner, British High Commissioner in South Africa-The various alarming rumors in circulation are, however, without foundation.

President Krüger has issued a pamphlet sup-perting his proposal regarding the removal of religious disabilities. It is characterized by a free use of Scriptural text. He argues that the exclusion of the Jews from citizenship intensi-fies their hatred for Christianity, and he urges that the full franchise should be given to "all that the full franchise should be given to "all who believe in the revelation of God through His

THE WARRANTS OF ARREST.

London, Aug. 15 .- The Johannesburg correspondent of "The Daily Mail," who confirms the report that warrants have been prepared for the arrest of 147 members of the Reform party in the Transvaal, of which twenty-two are urgent, says the date for executing the warrants is un-certain, and that the whole thing is regarded as

AMERICANS SECURE CONTRACT.

ENGINES FOR GLASGOW TRAMWAY TO BE BUILT BY E. P. ALLIS.

Glasgow, Aug. 15.-By a vote of 7 to 6 the Glasgow Tramway Committee to-day accepted the tender of E F. Allis, of the United States, for the engines to supply electric power. The figures of the successful bidder are ill4.54. Harvey & Williamson, of the United States, were the next lowest bidders, at fl@ 000.

CANADA EXCURSIONS. Canada's great Exposition, Toronto, August 28 to the tentember 5; one fare, return, on all lines. For rogrammes address H. J. Hill, Toronto,—Advi.

BROKEN UP.

NEW-YORK WILL BE THE NEXT SCENE OF ACTION-GORMAN'S SURPRISE.

Saratoga, Aug. 15 (Special).-Political chaos fittingly describes the situation in the Democratic camp here. Anger and resentment are shown by those who were urging the nomination for the Presidency of ex-Justice Van Wyck. and whose efforts Mr. Croker has repudiated A moment later one of the great stained glass and practically denounced. Old followers like have learned to "grin and bear it."

All, however, are not as tractable as the Tammany subordinates, and they are talking rebellion at a great rate. J. J. Willett, of Alabama, is to be the spokesman of these insurgents, and it \* sembly District against John C. Sheehan was is intimated that when he makes a statement he laughed at yesterday by Mr. Sheehan and some will not mince words. Mr. Walker, secretary to the Aqueduct Board, who has been acting as a that Mr. Croker's denial was foolish in the face sort of a steering committee of one for the Van there is only one thing to do, and that is to fight. he said, "now that we are sure of winning the He adds that the supporters of ex-Justice Van | fight. It is going to be another case of sixteen Wyck are in much better shape to push his to one in the district, and there will be only one claim than they would have been had Mr. Croker given them his support. He says the only thing that handicapped the ex-Justice in his campaign was the general belief over the will win hands down in the IXth District," Stripped of this odium, he can stand before the

the time being the conferences here have been discontinued, and New-York will be the next and see just how strong they are.

It is asserted that Van Wyck has nominally travellers, and much has been said about how fect? If Mr. Croker wants to escape the worst

J. J. Willett, who is president of the Bar Assoclation of Alabama, will, so his friends say, be a had a talk with Coun candidate for president of the National association and make a strong fight for election to that office at the forthcoming annual meeting. In case he is elected, so his friends say, he will

start a propaganda to secure the support of the organization for "Brother Gus." Aside from this, reports have it that the theatrical interests have been approached. Charles
H. Hoyt, the playwright and theatrical manager, is now here, and he has suddenly manifested a tender anxiety for the Van Wyck boom.
He says he is gaing to complete the van de the complete the He says he is going to organize the theatrical men and make an active campaign, especially in New-England. All of this talk, however, is re-garded as a brave effort to fill out once more the

ills which now hang limp and dejected. When the cyclone had passed and the boom When the cyclone had passed and the boomers began to count wreckage, a figure crawled out of the ruins and sat up in a dazed condition. It proved to be ex-Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland. This gentleman, with a fondness for political subterranean tunnelling, was buried so deep in the ground that he did not come to life until to-day. It is safe to say that he is the most astonished and hewildered political legerdemain artist in this section of the country. He is so used to surprising others political legerdemain artist in this section of the country. He is so used to surprising others by his dark and mysterious moves that when the tables have turned on him he hardly relishes the upset. Mr. Gorman won't talk. He had relied implicitly upon the support of Mr. Croker in the fight he is making against Bryan, and the sudden indorsement of Bryan by that leader completely nonplussed him. All his po-litical machinations have gone for nothing, and leader completely nonplussed him. All his po-litical machinations have gone for nothing, and enow, in the language of a former representa-tive in Congress, he doesn't know "where he is at." He was at the races to-day, and said it was easier to fathom the racing programme than a politician's mind.

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To sum up the whole situation, the Van Wyck cress are routed, but are trying to make a ild front, and the political plans of all Eastern emocrats have been knocked tumbling.

CROKER ON NIXON'S YACHT. BATH AND MANHATTAN BEACHES-EX-

PECTED AT LONG BRANCH TO-DAY. in Tammany Hall by his sudden change of front regarding William J. Bryan as a Democratic candidate for the Presidency, Richard Croker yesterday indulged in one of those sudden and mysterious disappearances with which he frequently vexes the faithful braves. He had announced that he was going to Long Branch to confer with ex-Senator Murphy, and would not go to Saratoga, where the Van Wyck boomlet had suffered collapse. He left the Democratic Club soon after 10 a. m. yesterday, and made his way to Lewis Nixon's steam yacht, which was waiting at anchor in the East River. Then

In the afternoon the yacht anchored off Bath Beach. About 4 o'clock Mr. Croker was rowed ashore in a small boat. In company with his private secretary, Thomas F. Smith, who is clerk of the City Court, and a tall man who wore yachting clothes, Mr. Croker took a walk for an hour or two. He smoked a black cigar and seemed to be meditating. He was seen and recognized by several New-Yorkers who were at the seaside. Then he and his companions returned to the yacht, and the yacht steamed away,

the yacht sailed out of the harbor

Later in the afternoon the yacht put in at Gravesend Bay, and Mr. Croker and Mr. Nixon went ashore in a small boat again. They went to the Brighton Beach Hotel, where Mr. Croker had a talk behind closed doors with Assemblyman Patrick H. Roche. He remained in the The possibility of war with Great Britain is about the only subject discussed, and it is generally felt the Burghers should be consulted before extreme measures are adopted.

man Patrick H. Roche He Fellanted H. Roche House H. Roch of the audience, and when he was about leaving Manhattan Beach several persons tried to get into conversation with him. Mr. Croker declined to talk, and as soon as he returned to Brighton Beach he accompanied Mr. Nixon to the yacht, which was seen off Sea Gate about 10

o'clock.

At a late hour last night the yacht had not appeared at Long Branch, and at the home of Mr. Murphy it was said that Mr. Croker was not expected to appear there last evening. Mr. Murphy was said to be in Troy, but his family thought he would be at the seaside some time to-day. The yacht with Mr. Croker on board was supposed to be cruising somewhere near the New-Jersey coast, or at anchor in some quiet bay.

quiet bay.

Randoiph Guggenheimer, who is Acting Mayor of New-York while Mayor Van Wyck is at Saratoga, was at Long Branch last night, and said: "I don't believe it was Mr. Croker's intention to reach Long Branch to-night, as ex-Senator Murphy, whom he intended to visit, is away. I expect Mr. Croker for dinner to-morrow night. Mr. pley, whom he intended to value to the peet Mr. Croker for dinner to-morrow night. Mr. Nixon's yacht is homelike, you know, and it is my opinion that he will remain on board all night, and put in an appearance to-morrow."

While nobody could tell exactly where Mr. Croker was, the Democratic Club was almost deserted last night. John F. Carroll was supposed to be on his way to the city from Saratoga, and other Tammany leaders were uncertain where to go. Ex-Justice Van Wyck, having seen the collapse of his Presidential boom, was said to have departed from Saratoga, suffering from heart burning and anger. There had been a report that a gathering of his friends at the Hoffman House is this city had been arranged for, but at the hotel last night it was said that no orovision had been made for such a gathering.

HARRITY ATTENDED NO CONFERENCES. HE SAYS CANDIDATES WERE NOT DISCUSSED-CONSERVATIVE COURSE HOPED FOR

Philadelphia, Aug. 15.-William F. Harrity, of this city, former Democratic National chairman, who has just returned from Saratoga Springs, when asked as to the reported political conferences of leading and representative Democrats now at that place, said:
"I went with my family to Saratoga simply for

the purpose of spending a brief vacation there. While there I attended no political conferences whatever, in fact, no such conferences were held. Not unnaturally there were some informal talks whenever two or three Democrats happened to meet at the same time, but in so far as I have knowledge of the subject there was at no time any discussion as to candidates. The uppermost thought in the minds of those whom I casually met there was the hope that the Democratic National Convention of 1900 would pursue such a conservative course that all Democrats and citizens generally of independent tendencies might cordially and enthusiastically support the platform and the candidate. This disposition was manifested by those who believe in the free coinage of sliver as well as those who oppose it."

LAUGHS AT CROKER'S DENIAL.

SHEEHAN SAYS HE IS GOING TO WIN IN THE IXTH DISTRICT-GOODWIN MEN

SAY IT'S A FIGHT TO THE FINISH. Richard Croker's denial of the charge that he instigated and ordered the fight in the IXth Asof his supporters. Mr. Sheehan would say only of the evidence upon which the charge was "It isn't of much consequence, anyhow," vote for the Croker kickers to sixteen for the regular ticket at the primaries.

"Mr. Croker knows now that Mr. Sheehan country that he was a Tammany candidate. said one of Mr. Sheehan's partisans yesterday. "and Mr. Croker wants to crawl out of the country absolutely untrammelled, and is there- responsibility for the fight he started, but he will only convict himself of falsehood. The Mayor Van Wyck won't say a word, but he Tammany General Committee of the IXth Disacts as if some one had ruffled his hair. For trict made the charge against Mr. Croker on good evidence, and he cannot disprove it. does anybody think that Councilman Goodwin scene of action, when the Van Wyck men will and his friends would have been permitted to get together on Saturday night to count noses | turn out of office every Sheehan man in the district and try to steal the election officers with the aid of the Tammany Executive Committee en made the candidate of the commercial if Mr. Croker had not given orders to that efbroad in scope and resourceful the support of | defeat he ever experienced he had better call the Goodwin crowd off and stop the fight against Mr. Sheehan." Before Mr. Croker left the city yesterday he

fight in the IXth District, and Mr. Goodwin's followers said later that there was no danger of the fight being called off. Mr. Croker, they said, would continue to use all the influence l, would continue to use an the sible to defeat Mr. Sheehan, and drive him out of Tammany Hall.

CHICAGO PLATFORM DEMOCRATS.

CALL FOR A CONFERENCE IN SARATOGA ON AUGUST 22-ORGANIZATION

THE OBJECT. N. Y., Aug. 15.-Calvin E. Keach, of Democrats, of Eastern New-York, with Thomas D. Salmon, secretary, and E. F. Hunting, treasurer, are sending out an invitation for a conference to held at the Town Hall in Saratoga on August 22 for the purpose of organizing a "Bryan League

It is a long document and disclaims emphatically that it is intended to create discord in the forces, but that all work will be done within the regular

Among other things it says: The fundamental principles that underlie a Democratic republic are. The wishes of the people must be obeyed; the consent of the governed confers power on leaders; we recognize the necessity of power on leaders; we recognize the necessity of wise leaders, but repudiate the dictations of a boss, equality to all men, special privileges to none; a fair vote, fair count and majority rule; free sprech, untrammelied ballot and justice.

We believe that if a fair expression of all Democrats in this State can be had inside all our political organizations that Mr. Bryan would have an overwhelming majority as the Democracy's first choice for first place. Thus believing, the question is. How shall we obtain this result? The answer

ROOSEVELT AND PLATT MEET.

THEY DINE TOGETHER AT THE HOLLAND HOUSE-MR. ODELL TO BE AT

Governor Roosevelt had a talk with Senator Thomas C. Platt last evening after returning from Yonkers, where he had attended the Firemen's Convention. It was his desire to meet Senator Platt before going to Yonkers, but the Senator did not get word from him in time. The Governor came to prisoner's keenest regrets at the dastardly outthe city from Oyster Bay early in the afternoon in company with his confidential messenger, Amos Knapp. William J. Youngs, the Governor's secretary, is ill with typhoid fever in Ithaca, N. Y.
About 2 p. m. the Governor had luncheon at the
Union League Club in company with the Rev. Dr. Strong, and before he left the city to go to Yonkers he managed to get into communication by telephone with B. B. Odell, jr., chairman of the Re-publican State Committee, who was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. He arranged with Mr. Odell to invite Senator Platt to dinner at the Holland House

Senator Platt went to the headquarters of the Republican State Committee late in the afternoon and was joined there by Mr. Odell and Congress-man Littauer, who went with him to dine with the man Littauer, who went with him to dine with the Governor at the Holland House soon after & p. m. The Governor and the Senator taiked for an hour after dinner, and then the Governor left the hotel to make reany for his trip to Olcott, Niagara County, where he is to speak at a county fair to-day. Senator Platt resumed to the Oriental Hotel, at Manhattan Beach, late in the evening. He gaid he and the Governor had taiked about personal subjects mostly.

Mr. Odell said he would be at the headquarters in the Fifth Avenue Hotel almost daily from now intil Election Day, in November, and for some works he will spend his nights at the Oriental Hotel.

CRAMPS UNABLE TO GET IRON AND STEEL.

LARGE FORCE OF MEN LAID OFF-OTHER SHIP-

culty experienced in getting iron and steel rapidly enough to carry on work, the William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building Company, of this city, has been compelled to greatly reduce its force of six thousand men. Three hundred men were laid off a few days ago, five hundred more were suspended at the close of work to-day, and by the end of the week fifteen hundred men will be in lieness. The decision of the company affects all departments, and has caused consternation among the employes. The firm was much averse to taking the step, but could not keep all the men em-ployed because of the lack of fron and steel. The company has \$20,000,000 worth of work on hand. other shippards on the Delaware River are also experiencing trouble in getting iron and steel. At present there are thirty-seven vessels in the course of construction along the Delaware, and fully twenty-one of them will be delayed owing to the lock of material.

RECEIVER FOR A TERRA COTTA FIRM. THEY CANNOT REALIZE ON CONTRACTS BECAUSE LACK OF STRUCTURAL IRON DELAYS

WORK ON BUILDINGS.

Perth Amb vy, N. J., Aug. 15 (Special) .- On application of Albert Ballschweiler, president of the Standard Terra Cotta Company, George J. Haven, of this city, was to-day made temporary receiver of the company, which is believed to be perfectly solvent. There is on hand at the factory in this cotta which is awaiting delivery. The contractors for whom it was made are unable to take it at once, because they cannot get iron fast enough for the construction of buildings. The factory, which employs shree hundred men, is to be run under the direction of the receiver. city more than \$50,000 worth of manufactured terra

which employs three hundred men, is to be that der the direction of the receiver.

President Ballschweller's action was prompted by several meetings of the employes, held recently, at which they decided that they would not continue work unless they were paid. The company was several months behind with most of its men.

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LABORI WILL RECOVER.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

PHYSICIANS THINK THAT HE MAY TAKE PART IN THE TRIAL AT RENNES.

MCVED TO A HOUSE IN THE SUBURBS-DIS-ENTANGLING THE ASSASSINS' PLOT-

LAWYER'S POCKETS RIFLED. Rennes, Aug. 15 .- At 8 o'clock this evening Maître Labori was moved in an ambulance to

the home of Professor Basch, in a suburb of Rennes. He stood the journey well, although naturally fatigued. The doctors to-night are hopeful of a speedy

recovery, but consider it would be unwise for him to return to court until there is absolutely no danger of a relapse

Maitre Demange has decided therefore to ask for an adjournment, which has made necessary a written application by both Maltre Demange and Captain Drevfus, who have already sent letters to the president of the court martial onel Jouaust will undoubtedly accede to the request, but he cannot grant an adjournment for more than two days, when the application must be renewed. Captain Dreyfus wants the sessions postponed until Monday next, when, it is hoped, M. Labori will be able to be present.

M. Labori lies on his back, unable to move, but life is returning to the leg which was thought yesterday to be paralyzed. He has no fever, and continues to discuss the trial. His wife has remained at his bedside practically ever since he was wounded. Naturally, she is much relieved at the optimistic reports of the doctors, who hope to see the lawyer on his feet before the trial is ended.

The man who actually fired the shot, it appears, was only one part of the machinery of the conspirators. In spite of the extensive search made for the would be assassin, he is still at large, and the impression is gaining ground that he is being aided by the anti-Dreyfus country people, who are concealing him somewhere

The doctors in attendance upon M. Labor have sent to Paris for a Röntgen rays apparatus, in order to locate the bullet in the lawyer's body Complete corroboration has been obtained of the statement that the pockets of Labori's coat were rifled yesterday while he was lying on the ground. Not only were the pockets of his coat emptied, but an attempt was made to steal the wallet, in which were important papers referring to the court martial, including his notes for the cross-examination of General Mercier. M. Labor! has himself related the incident. He had just fallen, and saw one of two

men run to his side. One of them said: "His coat must be taken off. He will be too

The speaker then took the wounded lawyer's coat off, and another man seized the wallet. Lansingburg, chairman of the Chicago Piatform M. Labor, however, retained his presence of mind, and refused to allow the wallet to be taken out of his hands, putting it under his head for a pillow and holding it with one hand The coat was shortly afterward put on again. On arriving at his residence M. Labort asked his wife to look in his pockets and see if their contents were safe. M. Labori found the pockets completely emptied. Luckily, no papers of importance were in the pockets, which only contained personal letters, including menacing letters received on the previous day. The rifling of the lawyer's pockets of the papers and the attempt to steal his wallet, while no effort was made to appropriate his watch or money, are regarded as clear evidence of a plot in which several men were implicated.

M. Labori's assailant has not yet been ar rested

The "Matin" to-day makes the announcement that Mattre Labori after he was shot yesterday declared, as the outcome of his injury appeared doubtful, that he wished to make known the fact that M. Chamoin, who has charge of the ret documents in the Dreyfus case, has dis covered a new forgery in the dossier.

CONDOLENCE FROM DREYFUS.

Rennes, Aug 15 - Dreyfus has written two letters to M. Labori. The first, on hearing the news of the attempt to murder the lawyer, is a spontaneous expression of his shocked feelings. The second is a touching epistle expressing the rage, profound gratitude to M. Labori for his heroic championship and heartfelt wishes for his happy recovery.

PARIS IN TUMULT.

ANTI-SEMITES ATTACK PASSERS BY-THE GUERIN FIASCO. Paris, Aug. 15 .- As an anti-Semitic group was standing at the corner of the Faubourg St Denis and the Rue de Valenciennes this evening, some passers by were greeted with the cries of "Down with the Jesuits" whereupon they were surrounded and threatened by the demonstrators. A supposed Anarchist then fired several revolver shots, wounding three men. One

hospital seriously injured. The alleged Anarchist was arrested At the annual dinner of Bonapartists to-day, M. Mignot presiding, a telegram from Prince Victor Napoleon was read, saying he relied on the various committees to act energetically under the present grave circumstances. The reading of the telegram was greeted with shouts of "Vive l'Empereur!" "Vive Guérin!"

of them, a man named Camille, was taken to a

The Young Royalists also assembled at a dinner at St. Maur to-day, in honor of the Duchess of Orleans. Violent attacks were made on the recent measures of the Government.

The warrant for the arrest of M. Guerin, president of the Anti-Semite League, who with sympathizers has been barricaded since Saturday last in the offices of the League, has been placed in the hands of Magistrate Fabre. Guerin is now regarded as an outlaw in a state of rebellion since his receipt of his notification of the issue of the warrant. He cannot claim the right of a citizen of exemption from arrest from sunset to sunrise, and the persons garrisoning the hendquarters of the League, numbering about forty, are in the same position. Strict orders have been given to arrest every one attempting to enter or leave the building. Three of Guérin's friends who attempted to leave the place this morning were arrested. They all carried six-chambered revolvers, hatchets and brass knuckles. The Prefect of Police is still awaiting orders from the Government in

regard to the action to be taken against Guérin. The leading Jews of Europe are arranging for a meeting in Switzerland, in order to form an international association for their defence against the crusade of the anti-Semites and to protect the Jews in France after the Dreyfus court martial is ended.

M. Guérin this evening displayed an anti-Semitic tricolor flag on the roof of the anti-Semite headquarters. On the flag was a motto reading: "France for Frenchmen." The assistant chief of detectives at 4:20 o'clock this morning went to Guérin's house

with a warrant for his arrest. He rang the bell several times, and finally M. Guérin appeared at a window, but refused to open the door, saying: "If you want me come and take me." Thereupon the detective withdrew, M. Guerin

calling after him, "You want to fight; we will fight. Permit me to tell you you are doing "ery dirty business." Then, turning to his friends,